

Appl. No. 09/394,660
Responsive to the Office Action Dated August 12, 2003

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003 in which claims 4-6, 10, 13, 14, 33, 34, 37 and 40-47 were examined. Claims 4,13,14, and 40-43 were allowed and Applicants greatly appreciate the allowance of these claims. Claims 5, 6,10, 33, 34, 37 and 44-47 were rejected. With the exception of claim 44, those claims have been canceled herein and Applicants reserve the right to pursue the inventions of those claims in related applications. Claim 44 has been amended herein to depend from allowed claim 4 and to have terminology consistent with that claim.

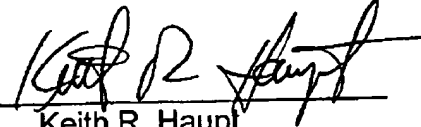
Summary

As a result of the amendments to the claims and remarks given herein, Applicants respectfully assert that each of the rejections identified in the Office Action have been addressed. As such, Applicants request Notice of Allowance with respect to the now pending claims 4,13,14, and 40-44 at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If the Examiner feels that any matter in this case requires further attention prior to issuing a Notice of Allowance, he is asked to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter may be promptly resolved.

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Respectfully submitted,

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